

CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION

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Harvest in Final Stages

Data tables reflect the week ending: **November 11, 2012**

CROP PROGRESS

Crop	This Week	Last Week	2011	5-Yr Avg.
	Percent			
Cotton Harvested	74	59	69	74
Peanuts Dug	96	92	82	84
Peanuts Combined	90	82	74	74
Soybeans Dropping Leaves	99	98	100	99
Soybeans Harvested	73	59	75	76
Winter Wheat Planted	51	35	49	34
Winter Wheat Emerged	22	11	27	14
N/A =Not Available				

CROP/LIVESTOCK CONDITION

Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Exc.
	Percent				
Cotton	0	4	15	56	25
Peanuts	0	0	11	74	15
Soybeans	1	2	15	56	26
Livestock	1	5	27	62	5
Pasture & Range	4	10	34	48	4

TOP SOIL MOISTURE

	Days Suitable	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
		Percent			
District 10	5.5	2	25	73	0
District 20	4.7	3	7	90	0
District 30	6.2	4	43	53	0
District 40	6.2	8	35	57	0
District 50	6.9	12	40	48	0
District 60	6.7	19	47	34	0
State: Current Week	5.9	7	30	63	0
State: Previous Week	6.9	10	37	52	1

EXTENSION/FSA COMMENTS:

General: According to Donald Mann, FSA CED, several farmers in Jackson County have completed crop harvest, while others anticipate finishing within the next weeks. Jeffrey Smith, FSA CED, stated most areas throughout Coosa, Elmore, and Tallapoosa Counties had two rain events this week that slowed harvest, and a total of .8 inches was recorded at the Service Center. Marie Headley, FSA CED, stated though some areas received

nearly half an inch of rainfall on Tuesday, Bibb and Perry County were still dry and needed more rain. Crops continued to be harvested and averaged good yields, said Headley. Jennifer Stanley, FSA PT, confirmed Escambia County was very dry and soil moisture was low. Stanley reported though current weather conditions were great for harvesting, crops that were still growing and some pastures were being affected. James Jones, Jr., ACES CEC, confirmed Henry County needed rainfall.

Corn/Cotton/Peanuts/Soybeans: Tim Malone, FSA CED, reported soybean harvest was almost complete with reports of yields between 50 to 60 bushels per acre in Marion and Winston County. Mann stated yields for cotton and soybeans were good to excellent. Additionally, the worst cotton yield was around 900 pounds per acre, while the best was over three bales per acre, said Mann. Smith confirmed cotton harvest was nearing completion, with a few soybean fields left to cut. Jones, Jr., said small grains were suffering. Jones, Jr. also stated peanut harvest was completed, and cotton harvest was well underway.

Pasture/Hay/Livestock: Malone said Marion and Winston County received rainfall over the weekend, but it would most likely be dry enough to finish wheat planting by Friday. Mann reported wheat planting was progressing at a fast pace. With warm season pastures dormant and winter grazing barely available on most farms, some producers were starting to feed hay and other supplements throughout Blount, Calhoun, Jefferson, Marshall and St. Clair Counties, stated Henry Dorrough, ACES REA. Jack Tatum, ACES REA, reported many areas within Clay, Cleburn, Coosa, Lee, Randolph, Shelby, Talladega, and Tallapoosa Counties still needed rain for cool season forages. Brenda Glover, ACES REA, reported winter grazing received some much needed rain but could use more throughout some areas in Greene, Hale, Marengo, Perry, and Sumter Counties. *Coming Soon:*

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ACRONYMS: ACES – Alabama Cooperative Extension System; CEC – County Executive Coordinator; CED – County Executive Director; FSA – Farm Service Agency; PT – Program Technician; REA – Regional Extension Agent

**Southeast Regional Climate Center
Values for Tuesday, November 6, 2012, to
Monday, November 12, 2012
(7 days)**

<http://www.sercc.com/perspectivesmap>

Name	City	State	Average Mean Temperature Value (°F)	Total Precipitation Value (in.)
Anniston Metro Ap	Anniston	AL	50.6	0.58
Birmingham Area	Birmingham	AL	51.8	0.53
Haleyville	Haleyville	AL	51.8	1.40
Huntsville Area	Huntsville	AL	50.5	1.42
Mobile Area	Mobile	AL	57.1	0.08
Montgomery Area	Montgomery	AL	54.5	0.46
Muscle Shoals Ap	Muscle Shoals	AL	52.4	0.83
Rock Mills	Rock Mills	AL	51.1	0.90

U.S. Drought Monitor, November 6, 2012

National Weather Service

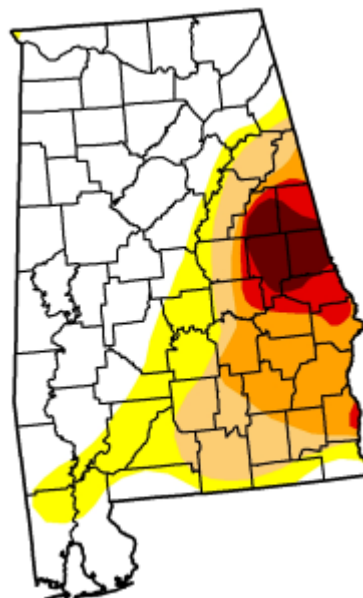
<http://www.drought.unl.edu/dm>

Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	56.54	43.46	28.21	17.47	7.37	3.68
Last Week (10/30/2012 map)	66.90	33.10	20.73	11.92	6.82	0.00
3 Months Ago (08/07/2012 map)	41.17	58.83	33.40	21.99	14.27	1.60
Start of Calendar Year (12/27/2011 map)	39.32	60.68	49.64	27.97	14.47	0.00
Start of Water Year (09/25/2012 map)	71.58	28.42	19.42	15.36	8.69	0.00
One Year Ago (11/01/2011 map)	23.95	76.05	54.36	40.46	23.91	0.00

Intensity:

D0 Abnormally Dry	D3 Drought - Extreme
D1 Drought - Moderate	D4 Drought - Exceptional
D2 Drought - Severe	



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